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[ ] the third-class sleeper [ ] was not divided into compartments, and had numbered, wooden berths, without mattresses or blankets. The latter could be obtained for ten rubles extra. The cars were crammed with passengers, sleeping in two tiers, or sometimes three, with men, women, and children in the same car. The Soviet train was well kept and painted, but one could expect to get lice in third class.

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4. The main street in Vilnius seemed much nicer than streets in the other cities, except for the railway-station area, which was just as bad as the others. The city seemed cleaner and better kept than the other cities. There were fewer lines and many different kinds of stores, even souvenir shops, and bookshops with political literature of every kind. Among the publications noticed was a book with a bright-colored cover, on which was drawn a spider with a dollar sign.

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